Pending appeals with Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal

135. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY Will the Minister of FINANCE be phased to state:

(a) wiiut is the total number of appeals pending with the Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) AppelLie Tribunal at present;

(b) the number of appeals and stay petitions disposed of during 1991-92; and

(c) what steps arc proposed to be taken for quick disposal of appeals in the tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of appeals pending with the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT) as on 31.10.92 is 49,155

(b) Appeals with stay petitions disposed of daring 1991-92 are as under:—

(i) Appeals : 6494

(ii) Stay petitions: 4896'

(c) Amongst the steps taken tor early disposal of appeals ate: bunching of appeals involving similar issues, listing *ai* appeals disposable on the basis of earlier decisions of the Tribunal and Supreme Court and creation of additional Benches for Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal.

Quantity of Narcotic Drugs Seized

136. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased tostate:

(a) what is the quantity of prohibited narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized and how many persons including foreigners were arrested under N.DPS Act during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken for effective prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic such "cs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) (i) Quantities of narecotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized under the NDPS Act 1985 during calender year 1990-1992 (*kg.) are as* follows:—

Drug seized	1990	1991	1992 upto October
Opium	2114	2145	1585
Morphine	6	6	27
Heroin	2293	622	1034
Ganja	39090	52633	41290
Hashish	6388	4413	5024
Methaqualone	7141	4415	9072
Cocaine	1	0.008	0.350

(Figures for '1992 art provisional)

(it) No of persons arrested is as follows;—

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1990	1991	1992 upto October
4392	5300	8763
(234)	(93)	(79)

(b; Instructions have been. issued to all enforcement agenices to maintain the utmost vigil and :> up enforcement efforts undei. the stringemi:: provisions contained in the. 'NDPS /

Closure of Small Scale industries due to resource crunch and credit squeeze by Banks

137. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of small scale industries are closed because of the resource crunch and credit squeeze by the Nation:'[1-] cd